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Maybe we had better reverse the three to obtain the correct order of their importance and influence. If more readers were to indicate what they like, and particularly what they do not like, the editor's blue pencil would not waver so much. What to print; whether to print, are often problems. Sometimes good articles are few; sometimes news items are also scant, for things do not happen with a regularity that could be desired. When the opposite is true, material must be condensed or omitted to enable insertion of all the news desired to print. At other times, copy that is not dated—which could be used a any time, is printed. If your favorite article is delayed weeks or months it is no reflection on it, for many stamp articles just like fiction, can be printed this week or next month or even a year from now, with no loss of interest entailed in the delay. The chief difference between a philatelic newspaper and your hometown *Daily Bugle*.

What to print? Sometimes its a puzzle that seems to have no solution. A church recently decided to remember with a cachet the anniversary of a historical act. The cachet was free, but was the item one properly to be inserted in a philatelic publication? Some of you will promptly say "No," others "Yes"—but which (if indeed either) opinion is in the majority? The cachet commemorates an event having no connection with stamps or philately. It is only one of innumerable such markings privately produced and which anyone is free to produce. Should such things be encouraged? We know that by printing a mention of it that many will probably send covers for the cachet, deeming our mention as proof that the item is worth sending for, even though the sender is convinced he is a stamp collector, not a souvenir collector. Personally we think a cachet produced in connection with a stamp issue or other philatelic event is worthy of mention as a news item, provided of course it isn't a commercial proposition.

Then there are controversial matters on which a difference of opinion exists, and both opinions are held by philatelic groups. Should such matters be ignored or aired? An influential portion of our hobby holds to the belief that anything unpleasant should not be printed no matter how truthful or how informing it may be to a collector who should be armed with the protection that information would provide. Time was when the philatelic journalists enjoyed calling each other names to the exclusion of other matter; and while they no doubt enjoyed it, their subscribers probably didn't. We have seen lately where simple statements of fact presented as information has been answered by savage personal criticism instead of other facts, other pertinent information. Someone is always overstepping bounds in this hobby and very seldom does anyone do anything about it. What is done, is done in a general attitude of compromise in order that the whole matter be shushed. Philatelists it seems have tender ears in the opinion of some of the profession and unpleasant truths should not be brought to those innocent ears they say. Anyone believing all is sweetness and light in this hobby would believe anything and deserves to get jarred down to earth. The membership of our national societies would be a livelier group as a whole if they got the jarring facts now and then. But they should be facts.

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United States Airmail Stamps

BY BOB RICHARDSON

FOR the first time since 1928 the United States seems about to have a uniform air mail series. Forgotten by most collectors are the motley values now comprising the current series, and most people would probably if asked what were the current air mails, say the 6c "Eagle in a Bathtub" and the 16c airmail special delivery. When the government was authorizing experimental flights in the years from 1910 to 1913, no special postage stamps were provided. The 20c Parcel Post stamp did however depict a plane, though no regular air mail service had been instituted at the time. Postmaster General Hitchcock was hopeful of such an eventuality, and the stamp was propaganda for that purpose.

On May 15, 1918 the first regular air mail service was inaugurated between Washington and New York, with way stop at Philadelphia. The first U. S. air mail stamp, one of the world's first, was prepared for use on such mail, the 24c of the 1918 series. The postage rate was 24c per ounce and this included special delivery at city of addressee. This special delivery feature was necessary since if the mail were delayed for regular carrier delivery it would have little advantage in speed over train mails. On the first day of issue as is now well known, a sheet with centers inverted were sold, the purchaser not using any on covers, that being before the first day cover era. The stamps were printed and issued in sheets of 100, with margins trimmed on two sides creating artificial straightedges and this has led to the undying myth that the stamps were printed in sheets of 400 and that three other inverted center panes must have existed. A large number of souvenir covers were sent on the first flights, but those from Washington did not succeed in convincing the public of speed of air mail, for the plane made a forced landing and the covers returned to Washington and were flown on the next attempt the following day.

On July 15, 1918, the rate was reduced to 16c for the first ounce and 6c for each additional ounce as a concession to heavy mailers, the special delivery feature being retained. The 16c green (Scott's C2) was prepared for such mail. This stamp was later issued for ordinary postage to get rid of it, when rates were reduced to 6c on December 15, 1918, this time the special delivery service being eliminated and a 6c stamp issued. This stamp too was later distributed for ordinary postage. Both 6c and 16c were printed from 100 subject plates and like the 24c had artificial straight edges. It will be seen that outside of the three points on the route,

these stamps would have had little use for airmail matter, with exception of certain experimental flights.

Experiments continued and in 1923 definite plans were made for transcontinental service involving night-flying on part of the route—a daring step. The stamps for this service were the 8c, 16c and 24c of the series known as 1923. An A.P.S. Convention being in progress in Washington in August, postal officials had a small quantity of the 8c placed on sale on August 15 for the delegates. The 16c and 24c followed on the 17th and 21st respectively. These stamps however remained in Washington and did not reach postmasters as delays in inauguration of the route developed. Finally on July 1, 1924 the service was inaugurated from New York, via Bellefonte, Penna., Cleveland, Chicago and Cheyenne to San Francisco, with various other stops. The rate was 8c per ounce per zone, the zones being New York-Chicago, Chicago-Cheyenne and Cheyenne-San Francisco. This series became useless for air mail on the following July 1, a new rate of 10c per ounce for 1500 miles or less and 20c for over that distance coming into effect. The three airmails were then issued and used for ordinary postage. Philately bought sparingly of them, as air mail collecting was not yet very popular.

A new air mail series did not however appear until it was decided to let contracts for flying the air mail. The first such routes went into effect on February 15, 1926. The Ford Motor Co. was contractor and the routes were operated from Detroit to Cleveland and Detroit to Chicago. These were numbered C. A. M. 6 and C. A. M. 7. Two days earlier the 10c Map design stamp had been issued and since that date the stamp has remained a current issue. The 15c was issued on September 18 to serve as prepayment on mail posted under a rate of 10c for distances of less than 1,000 miles, 15c for less than 1500, and 20c for distances over that. No 20c was immediately provided, but when rates were changed on February 1, 1927 to 10c per half ounce with no restriction on distance, a 20c was provided to meet the need expected for a stamp to pay the double rate or multiples. This stamp was issued on Jan. 25, 1927. All three stamps have since remained a part of the current issue, though the 15c had only a few months use for its original purpose. As the Foreign Air Mail routes were established all three stamps found additional use, in fact the past few years this has been almost their sole use. In 1927 it might be noted the use of air mail stamps for other than prepayment of air mail post-

age and fees on air mail matter was forbidden. The ruling included all previous issues.

On May 21, 1927 Charles A. Lindbergh was catapulted into fame with his non-stop flight across the Atlantic and in response to popular request a 10c stamp, our first commemorative air mail, was prepared hastily with mistakes in map as a result. It was issued June 18 upon the flyer's return. An attempt to provide air mail stamps in booklets was a failure, a 61c booklet containing two panes of three of this stamp being issued on May 26, 1928, the last day of the Midwestern Philatelic Exhibition at Cleveland. The stamp had little chance of success as rates were reduced to 5c for the first ounce and 10c for each additional ounce on July 1, of that year.

To meet the new rate the Department again issued a bicolored stamp, the popular 5c Beacon which appeared on June 25, 1928. The colorful design was calculated to attract attention to air mail by the public as well as postal employees.

The years 1928 to 1930 saw development of the present far flung foreign air mail lines, to Canada and other countries and colonies of the Western Hemisphere. Aside from their speeding up communications to many isolated communities, considerable international good will and trade resulted. Despite the celebrities taking part in the inaugural services, no special stamps were issued as the rates varied from 5c to 75c per half ounce. Lindbergh piloted inaugural planes on more than one occasion, a fact forgotten by many of his critics. At this time the Post Office to get rid of the Lindbergh booklets, removed the covers from the booklets and sold the panes at face value, either as separate stamps or in strips. Consequently for a period of months these stamps enjoyed a considerable use, though the total issue was small in proportion to other booklet issues.

Printing of the bicolored stamp was expensive and despite heavy purchases by collectors, the government lost money in its airmail venture. To cut costs a new design single-color 5c of the Winged Globe design was introduced on Feb. 10, 1930. The first rotary press air mail stamp appeared on August 19, 1931 when the same stamp appeared in this form.

In 1932, an increase in postage rates was approved, to avoid increasing deficits, and airmail was increased to 8c for the first ounce and 13c for each additional ounce.

This rate became effective on July 6, but no new stamp was provided until September 26, an 8c of the same design as the 5c. Meanwhile the large remainders of 5c were being employed in combination with other stamps

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to get rid of them. This change in rate also involved the first air mail stamped envelope, a 5c which was issued on January 12, 1929. The 8c of the same design was also issued September 26, 1932.

The 8c rate proved too high and the 13c per ounce additional was soon found to be too expensive. Air Express was taking the heavy business, so the rate was reduced on July 1, 1934 to 6c per ounce and a new stamp of that denomination was issued on that date in the same design as the 8c. This rate for domestic air postage has remained since that date.

In connection with National Air Mail Week, celebrated on the 20th anniversary of the first regular air mail service, the government issued the bicolored 6c stamp now about to be replaced. The stamp was issued May 14, 1938 and huge quantities used on special flight throughout the country. The printing of this stamp again proved too expensive to justify the extra cost, over \$100,000 per annum it is stated. This stamp provided the first error since the first air mail stamp of 1918. 40 sheets minus horizontal perforations were obtained at the Brooklyn, N. Y. post office under circumstances that brought wide-spread comment. Other than the fact the stamps were sold deliberately with the knowledge they should not have been issued, nothing developed in subsequent investigation.

To meet special developments in international routes and flights special issues have been prepared on several occasions. The occasion of the triangular Pan-American flight of the Graf Zeppelin in 1930 resulted in issuance of three stamps, 6c, \$1.30 and \$2.60, paying various rates on that flight, and since there was practically no commercial matter carried, the issue was souvenir in intent. These were issued on April 19 at a limited number of post offices and withdrawn on June 30. Since the U. S. postal service received nothing in postage from covers carried by the ship, it will be seen that the profits to the U. S. were solely in unused stamps, sold, an incentive for the special issue.

In 1933 the Graf Zeppelin returned and made a flight to the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago. To meet the rate on souvenir cards and covers, a special 50c stamp was issued on October 2, 1933 and was withdrawn after the flight to the excitement of considerable speculation which was later deflated.

The first stamps issued in connection with the Foreign Air Mail Service were the 25c Trans-Pacific issued November 22, 1935 for the first flight to Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines, the rates being 25c for each leg of the hop. This stamp remained in current use until rates were reduced with the flight of April 21, 1937 extending the route to Macao and Hong Kong. The new rates going into effect at this time were 20c to Hawaii, 40c to Guam, 50c to Philippines and 70c to the two Chinese points. To meet the new rates a 20c and 50c of same design as the 25c, but with date omitted, were issued. These remain current.

On May 16, 1939 with such short notice few collectors had time or opportunity to obtain covers a new 30c stamp was issued for the Transatlantic air mail. Postal officials had been unable to decide definitely if to issue a stamp until late, some said; while

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A. P. S.—A. P. Francis, Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed a committee of one to conduct a campaign for proxies for the Baltimore Convention in August. Past conventions have been hampered in passing progressive by-laws for lack of proxies and this will be an attempt to surmount this obstacle.

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Philadelphia, Pa.—Prospectus for the "1941 National Stamp Exhibition" at the S. P. A. Convention, jointly sponsored by the Evening Ledger, Penn City and Olney Stamp Clubs and the Philatelic Society of Philadelphia has been issued by the Exhibition Chairman, Gustave A. von Gross, 317 S. 15th St., Philadelphia. There will be awards in a number of different groupings and sections, including awards to those not having previously won major place and for juniors. A copy of prospectus is free upon request of Mr. von Gross.

Plate Number Collectors of America—H. O. George, P. O. Box 44, Glendale, Calif. is busy organizing the Plate Number Collectors of America, a new national society to be devoted to the collector of plate numbers in singles, pairs, strips and blocks. A Bulletin is planned to be issued periodically. Anyone interested may obtain other information or application blanks by writing him.

Pueblo, Colo.—The Progressive Stamp Club has disbanded and its members affiliated with the Pueblo Stamp Club. The latter society had a special meeting and extended membership to all P. S. C. members in good standing at time of dissolution of that club. Clipping from the *Pueblo Chieftain* courtesy Secy. T. A. Hayward of the Pueblo Stamp Club.

Washington, D. C.—"Stamposiums" is the name the Woodridge Stamp Club applies to certain of its meetings. The only hint we have of what a stamposium may be is that they ask trading material be brought to those meetings. They usually meet at the Library, 2206 Rhode Island Ave., N. E. on Mondays.

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Our Chicago Letter

During my 30 odd years of stamp collecting I have been in contact with most every type of collector. Perhaps the most enthusiastic of all are the members of the "Czecho-Slovak Society of North America." (I should mention that I am excluding "bill" collectors—the ones I know are tops). About 8 or 10 of the Chicago contingent get together once a month and are doing a really swell job of research work on the stamps of Czecho-Slovakia. Frank Kovarik and John Velek have prepared some very interesting articles and they have been published in the Society's magazine "The Czecho-Slovak Specialist." The Editor of the magazine is Pete Kreischer. It behooves anyone who collects the stamps of this country to join this aggressive national society. The dues are only \$1.00 yearly and this includes the monthly magazine. I be happy to send an application, blank to anyone interested. At our last meeting we enjoyed the company of Mr. Ernest Berka who has a magnificent collection of Czech stamps, including proofs, essays and the like.

A new little publication has made its appearance and is called "Philatelic Life." Published by Adolph Hahn and edited by Peter Annau. The first issue deals with Chicago Stamp Clubs, their exhibits, personalities, etc. The compact little magazine is apparently sent to club members gratis.

Chicago is fortunate indeed in having several post office clerks who are also stamp collectors. They appreciate the wants of col-

lectors and do much in trying to please you. One of these fellows is B. J. Klein of the Lake St. Branch of the Chicago Post Office. Mr. Peight of the Canal St. Branch and Mr. Kelly of the Old Post office are also "tops" in this regard. Thanks, much, fellows, we like to deal with you.

So far as is known the first philatelic labels issued in Chicago, for a Chicago club, were issued in 1928. The Chicago Philatelic Society held their 1000th meeting on Oct. 4, 1928 and the set of 5 American Philatelic Society 1911 engraved labels were overprinted as follows; on the top "CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY", on the left "1886", on the right "1928" and at the bottom "1000th meeting, October 4, 1928." Very, very few sets of these are available and this is due to the fact that one set was given to each member attending the meeting. The story also revealed that there were not quite enough to go around and therefore none were left over. Once in a great while a set turns up and when this happens the set generally brings \$5.00. The A.P.S. 1911 set, without the imprint, is much more common, a set is frequently to be had at \$2.50.

Chicagoans, like our friends in Atlantic City, enjoy exhibiting their stamps in shows throughout the country. A couple of weeks ago the Collector's Club of San Francisco held their exhibition and I learn Chicagoans took three out of six first awards in addition to the Grand Award.

The late Dr. Iver R. Johnson was one of the greatest students of early Chicago Philately and I am indebted to Mrs. Johnson for much of the material and many of the trinkets I have on this subject. From time to time I will pass on to our friends bits of this information and hope it may prove of general interest.

On August 6, 1887, the Chicago Philatelic Society mailed out invitations to their Banquet, tendered to the American Philatelic Association (now the American Philatelic Society), to be held at the "TREMONT

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(Bi-sected) Crackers * (Provisional) Cheese.

TREMONT HOUSE, August 9, 1887.

(This Menu is postmarked on the reverse side, with a hand stamp reading "Chicago, Ill. Rec'd Aug. 9, 9 pm.")

When writing about early philatelic events in Chicago The Chicago Philatelic Society is frequently mentioned and this is natural as the C.P.S. is now in its 55th year. Incidentally whenever you mention recent doings of the C.P.S. you cannot help but admire the splendid efforts of Elmer Stuart who is doing a splendid job in connection with most of the activities of this old Society.

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Type Z Naval Cancels

The June number of *Covers* reports that from what data their publishers could secure, all ships of the navy having postal service will be equipped with the Z type of cancellation. To collectors not familiar with the classifications of the naval cancel enthusiasts, the Z type does not have name of ship or location of the vessel, being inscribed simply "U. S. Navy." The first of these was reported not long ago in LINN'S. Such markings had last been used during World War I. The intention is to maintain a certain degree of secrecy concerning ship movements.

- When the Bismarck went to the bottom, the world lost a marine post office. No such office was established, in accordance with British custom, on the H. M. S. Hood.
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Perfs and Imperfs

EXCUSE IT PLEASE IF YOUR LETTERS the next few weeks aren't answered as promptly as you'd expected. R. R. is off to explore branch line R. R.s between Coudersport, Pa. and Silverton, Colorado, one of the weaknesses of that blue-pencil wielder. He has nightmares we are told of being faced with having to choose between a horse hair trunk about to be burned and boarding the last train of some rusty iron trail. And probably if that ever should happen in reality some draft board officer would step up and grab him before he could do either!

PAGE THE SOUVENIR ISSUE COLLECTORS. The Columbus post office has practically insulted you. We had a package returned the other day, "10c postage due" and guess what?—the post office boys had failed to recognize a Smoky Mountain pane as a 10c stamp!

OHLMAN GALLERIES CATALOGS FEATURE examples of the photographic skill of Maxwell Ohlman, Jr. Photographing mixed lots of stamps including reds, yellows and greens has often been beyond the ability without expensive special work of the non-philatelic photographer, so Ohlman's new service will no doubt be appreciated by the trade as well as catalog viewers.

PETER ANNAU AND ADOLPH HAHN are editor and publisher respectively of newest philatelic monthly, "Philatelic Life". They intend to make it a medium through which stamp clubs can become better acquainted. A sample copy will no doubt be sent if you address them at 1676 Bryn Mawr, Chicago.

SO YOU THOUGHT THE CONSTITUTION Sesqui was over? The Government Printing Office has just fired the last shot of the three-year observance by issuing (at \$2.50) the 885-page illustrated report of the Sesquicentennial Commission.

THE REPORT ABOUT ONE STAMP writer who sliced one of the other sides of the "eternal triangle" with a butcher knife, emphasizes that philatelic journals are limited to much less headlinish stuff than the daily press. No juicy murders, no divorce court scandals, practically no war news (that alone should cause many people to read only stamp papers these days), no messy auto accidents etc. And we hope things stay that way.

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6c To Be Red

The new 6c air mail stamp will be printed in red, the Post Office Department announces. William A. Roach, Bureau designer, produced the design. The original die was engraved by James R. Lowe, John S. Edmondson and James T. Vail, who respectively engraved the vignette, panel with lettering and numeral.

First Flight Soon

Reading, Pa. will be added to the regular stops on Route AM-2 in the near future, the Post Office Department announces. The Reading postmaster will apply an official cachet to first flight covers sent him under cover to be carried on the first flight. Such covers should be of standard 6 1/4 size, plainly addressed, fully stamped and have left side of face of cover blank to permit application of cachet. Reading is located between Philadelphia and Harrisburg on the route.

Auction Calendar

June 16-17—Mint British Empire. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York.
June 19—U. S. and Foreign, Ohlman Galleries, Inc., 116L Nassau St., New York.
June 21—U. S. Essays, General Issues, etc. Herman Herst, Jr. 116 Nassau St., New York.

June 26-27—U. S. and Foreign Airmail. Cosmos Stamp Co., 116L Nassau St., New York City.

June 27—U. S. and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City.

June 30, July 1—U. S. and Foreign, H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York.

June 30—General Sale. M. Amiel, Box 813 St. Petersburg, Fla.

July 10—Specialty Auction. F. R. Fermyan, 505 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Chinese Issue Confiscated

The set of Chinese Constitution commemoratives issued in 1939 on the 150th anniversary of the U. S. document, are forbidden in Japan, Henry Sanborn of Berkeley, California tells us. The map on the stamp did not show Manchukuo, so the Japanese confiscated all such stamps arriving in Japan. Mr. Sanborn lost over \$100 worth in this manner, having been shipped them in exchange by a Chinese dealer while Mr. Sanborn was residing in Japan.

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Historical Hill Item

On November 17 and 18, 1940 Sir Rowland Hill prepared two articles in his own handwriting addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer discussing in detail, with marginal diagrams, the suggestions afterwards put into practice for changing the colors of the first adhesive stamps and the cancellations. On two pencilled memorandum sheets he affixed a dozen proof copies in various colors of the Penny Black design and noted in pencil the effects of different chemicals upon the cancellations which were in black. These unusual items, never before offered in the stamp market, are included in a June 26 auction by Robson Lowe, Ltd., London.

First Day Calendar

June 25, Washington, D. C.—6c Air Mail same size as Special Delivery. No dates announced for higher values.

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Carimbology

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Statue Depicted on Stamps

According to the *Washington Sunday Star* the bronze statue of Mercury now installed under the dome of the National Gallery of Art is the original of the likeness found on Greek stamps of the 1901 series as well as Uruguay's 1921 regular issue.

• The Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co. is using a slogan advertising Stamford, Conn.'s tercentenary. The company's plant is located in that city.

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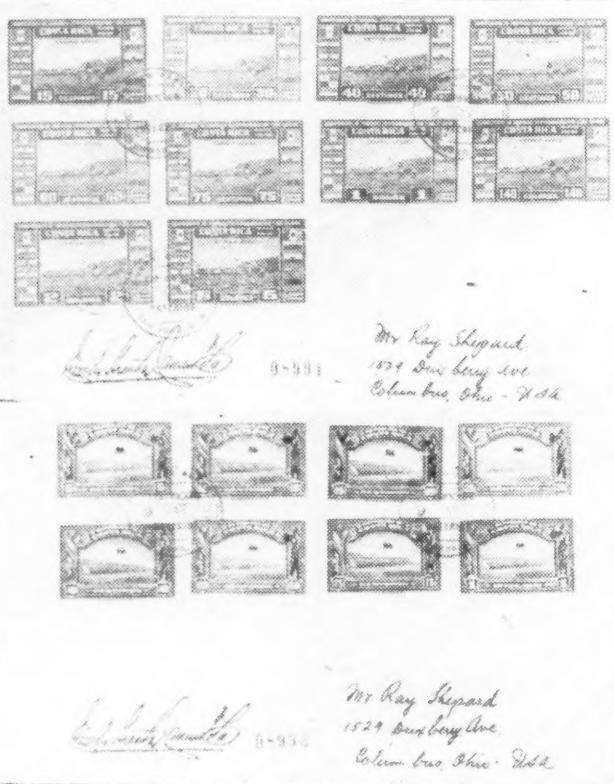
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(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Russian Occupation. Under-noted stamps have been overprinted with the letters "LTSR," signifying Lietuvių Tarybų Socialistinė Respublika (Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic) and below the letters, the date "1940 VII 21," the date when the transfer was ratified by the Lithuanian Assembly:

A44—2c. orange (dark blue)
A53—5c. brown carmine (dark blue)
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A54—30c. Prussian green (red)
A61—35c. red orange (dark blue)
A50—50c. brown (dark blue)

(Stamp Collecting)

MEXICO—Special Delivery Stamp. Under-noted stamp, overprinted with new year date "1940" in purple, reading down to right, on right portion of central design:

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NEW ZEALAND—Error. It has been found that one of the "Official" stereos used for overprinting the ordinary pictorials was wrongly included in the same forme which overprinted the Centenary stamps "Official." The normal overprint used for the latter shows the two "fs" separated, whereas the Pictorial overprint shows the two "Fs" joined. The stamp showing this variety is \$10 in the first row on the 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 8d. Official Centenary stamps and \$3 in the fourth row of the 2 1/2d.

(Whitfield, King & Company)

NICARAGUA—Centenary of the Postage Stamp Commemoratives. Air Post. Large horizontal rectangular format. In the center, at the left is reproduced the first stamp of Nicaragua and to the right is a portrait of Sir Rowland Hill; quantities issued noted after each:

2c. sepia (50,000)
3c. ultramarine (30,000)
5c. carmine (20,000)

(O. E. DeSio)

NORWAY—Semi-Postal Stamps. Small upright rectangular format, photogravure, perf. 13, wmkd., posthorn:

SP5—10 ore plus 10 ore dark green (Fridtjof Nansen)
SP5—15 ore plus 10 ore henna brown (same)
SP5—20 ore plus 10 ore dark red (same)
SP5—30 ore plus 10 ore ultramarine (same)

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Quantities issued of the above were: 10 ore—500,000; 15 ore—300,000; 20 ore—850,000; 30 ore—550,000.

New Design. "NORGE" across the top, lion in center and numerals of value in each lower corner, with words "POST KRONE" in two lines between the numerals. Photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 13:

A28—1k, bright green (Lion Rampant)
A28—1 1/2k, deep blue
A28—2k, bright red
A28—5k, dull purple

(Stamp Collecting)

Additional Values. To go with the two noted by us May 10th.

A10—7 ore, deep green
A16—10 ore, deep green
A16—15 ore, olive
A16—20 ore, bright scarlet
A16—25 ore, deep brown

(The Stamp Mart)

RUSSIA—Commemoratives. Honoring the 150th anniversary of the fall of the Turkish fortress of Ismail on Dec. 22, 1790. Both are upright rectangular format:

15k. (Marshal Suvaroff, ordering his troops over the fortress wall)
30k. (Marshal Suvaroff in his military uniform)

Another set, also to appear in May, honors the fifteenth anniversary of the annexation of the Kirghiz province; horizontal rectangular format:

15k. (Native and horse, with cattle in background)
30k. (A miner carrying a pneumatic drill)

(New York Times)

SWEDEN—Coil Stamp. Perf. 12 1/2 vertically, unwmkd.:

A60—50 ore, gray

(The Stamp Mart)

(L. A. Russell)

SWITZERLAND—New Design. Horizontal rectangular format. Numerals of value in lower right corner and date "1941" in upper left:

10c. brown (Farmer with horse and plow)

(New York Times)

GREAT BRITAIN—Quantities have been announced of the stamps issued in the Postal Centenary set: 1d. - 82,896; 2d. - 232,903,680; 1 1/2d. - 40,412,800; 2d. - 121,065,120; 2 1/2d. - 312,957,440; 3d. - 22,128,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Philippine Notes

BY PABLO M. ESPERIDION.

Flash! First Day Sale of the new Philippine air mails has been set tentatively for June 30, and a special cachet will be applied on First Day covers, according to a press release issued by Director of Posts Juan Ruiz, on May 16. The first shipment of the stamps are expected to arrive in Manila about the middle of June, and orders for these air mails may be placed at the Bureau of Posts, as outlined in this column before (May 31).

First Flight covers carried by the California Clipper on the Manila-Singapore air service were backstamped "SINGAPORE—4 PM—10 MY—1941—D" and bear a triangular rubber stamp with the inscription "PASSED FOR—TRANSMISSION" plus the number of the censor.

Covers carried on the Singapore-Manila flight were postmarked "May 10" and "May 11" at Singapore, according to covers received in Manila. They were backstamped at Manila, "May 12, 1941, 7:30 P.M." Some of these covers, however, bear a private cachet printed in blue with the inscription "FIRST FLIGHT—SINGAPORE—TO—MANILA—MANILA, P.I.—VIA CALIFORNIA CLIPPER."

At this writing (May 22), no official figures have been released yet by the Philippine postal authorities as to the number of covers carried on the Manila-Singapore flight and Singapore-Manila. Figures will be announced in this column as soon as they are known.

One of the Manila firms is using a postal slogan (in rubber-stamp), showing Ferdinand The Bull with a big smile!

This ain't no high-pressure palaver but the Elizalde Stamp Club is the only philatelic fraternity in the Islands that uses a meter machine in franking all its mail, instead of postage stamps. (Editor's Note: Shame on them.)

Richard C. Wilson, manager of the United Press Bureau in Manila, at a recent address at the Rotary Club in this city, said: "The people in our neighboring countries know of Manila as the place where letters aren't stamped 'Opened by Censor.'"

Of late the local Bureau of Internal Revenue proposed to burn all the old issues of the Islands' documentary stamps, but for reasons of economy, the revenue boys changed their mind, according to a high official at the B.I.R.

Believe it or not, the air-raid alarm in Manila was installed recently, at the top of the Manila Post Office.

Meanwhile, one of the recent improvements at the local Philatelic Agency was a

big frame showing all Philippine stamps which are still for sale at the agency.

Okay, folks! That's all.

• A description of forgeries of the Russian 1921 Volga River Relief Semi-Postals is given in detail in the June *Emco Monthly Circular* of the Marks Stamp Co., Toronto.

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U. S. Auction Prices

By W. L. BABCOCK

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HERMAN HERST, JR. 14TH AUCTION SALE held May 24th at 116 Nassau St., N.Y.C. 5c, 1847, superb, with magenta pmk., @ \$13.25. Another V.F. copy with good margins, light red grid, used, @ \$8.60. 5c, #34, large margins, tied to small cover, N.O. pmk., @ \$62.00. Another same, off cover, superb, used, @ \$31.75. Competition for fine copies of this stamp has been very keen in auction sales in which it has appeared during the past year. 5c, #48a, Type II, superb, used (\$10), @ \$6.80. 10c, #56, Aug. superb, full O.G. (225), @ \$11.75. Same in a beautiful O.G. blk. of 4, @ \$5.50. 24c, #70, superb, used (\$10), @ \$7.60. 3c, #79, gridded all over, tied to fine cover, @ \$21.60. 3c, #85, used, V.F. cent., (\$10), @ \$6.75. 12c, #117, superb, used (\$5), @ \$4.85. 15c, #238, Columbian, V.F., N.H., O.G., blk. of 4, @ \$16.25. Same in 30c, @ \$27.50. 4¢ Columbian, V.F., used (\$40), @ \$25.00. 4¢ Pan-Am. blk. of 4, O.G., V.F., (\$15), @ \$9.25. 5c, #315, imp., superb, O.G. blk. of 4 (\$125), @ \$78.00. 2c, #321, coil pair, O.G., @ \$36.00. A.E.F. booklet pane of 30, 1c #498f (\$15), @ \$9.50. 2c, #523, superb, O.G. blk. of 4, @ \$63.50. 2c, #599 and 599b, both dies in an O.G. pair, @ \$22.00. 16c Air Imp., unused, C.L. block at \$9.60.

FRED E. FARNHAM 49TH AUCTION SALE held May 20th at 1123 Lafayette Bldg., Detroit. A block of 25, 3c #213, V.F., mint, @ \$25.50. The \$1 black, Type II, #261a, @ \$21.50, mint, V.F.; and the \$2, #262, used, V.F., @ \$18.00. In the Pan-Am. all values in O.G., superb blocks of 4 sold at prices not recently recorded: 4c, #296 (\$15), @ \$14.50; 5c, #297, (\$15), @ \$11.50; 8c, #298 (\$20), @ \$17.00. The \$1 black, #311, mint, V.F., (\$25), @ \$18.50. The Louisiana values in O.G., V.F. blocks sold at two-thirds Cat. Both the Jamestown 1 and 2c brought over catalog. The bluish papers lacked competition and some reasonable buys were recorded. 5c, #399, superb, O.G. block of 4 (\$22.50), @ \$18.00. 10c orange, #404, O.G., V.F. single (\$40), @ \$30.50; and a V.F., O.G. blk. of 4 of same value @ \$96.00. The 3c Victory in an O.G., V.F. blk. of 4 (\$3), @ \$2.25; and a 3c, #541, spb., same (\$17.50), @ \$12.75. 1½c, #576, in a superb, centerline blk. of 4, O.G. (\$7.50), @ \$4.35. 5c Norse, #621, T. arrow and P# blk. of 8, O.G., a little O.C. (\$20), @ \$11.25. The 8c Kansas in an O.G., spb. blk. of 4 (\$11), @ \$10.45. The 9 and 10c same (\$6.25), @ \$5.50. The 4 and 5c Nebr. O.G., spb. blks. of 4 (\$3.50), @ \$3.20. 7c same (\$5), @ \$4.50; 9c same (\$12.50), @ \$11.50; and 10c same (\$15), @ \$11.50. The Farleys in position and P# blocks sold fairly well, from one-third to fifty per cent of catalog. In the Private Perforations, the 2c, #320a, Brinkerhoff, Type I, V.F., pair; and the 2c U.S. Vending #320b, Type III, in a pair, sold well over one-half Cat. while the remainder seemed to be without very serious interest. The Airpost 16c, #C2, in a P# blk. of 6, O.G., @ \$15.00; and a vert. guide line block, @ \$14.25 registered a decided advance for this stamp. The keenest competition, however, was on the Parcel Post, O.G. blocks, all V.F. to superb. The

10c (\$5), @ \$4.55; 15c (\$12.50), @ \$10.75; and the 20c, #Q8, over Cat. @ \$12.00.

Vahan Mozian, Inc., 303D Auction Sale held May 17-19th, at 505 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. The 1847 reprints, the 5 and 10c both described as fine, @ \$5.10 and \$7.10 respectively. Several covers with 3c, #33, in railroad postmarkings were sold, prices depending on condition of envelope and stamp. 3c, #33, Cracked plate, @ \$8.00. 10c, #127, reissue, O.G., superb, @ \$13.25; and a 15c, #129, used and L.C., @ \$10.25. 24c, #130, reprint, used but V.F., @ \$17.50. 8c, #272a with revenue wmk., used, fine, @ \$10.00. The \$1, #292, O.G., V.F., @ \$19.00; and the \$2, #293 same, @ \$32.50. 5c blue Imp., #315 in horiz. pair, O.G., superb (\$55), @ \$37.00. The saturation point for this stamp is still distant and always will be as it has been stated that approximately 1500 copies exist. A centered, O.G. block of 4 of 5c, #330 (\$27.50), @ \$15.50. 2c Lincoln on bluish, #369, O.G., fine, @ \$6.50. 2c #402, single, O.G., V.F. (\$7.50), @ \$5.00. 10c orange, #404, O.G., V.F., @ \$25.25. A block of 10 2c, #425, "COIL STAMPS" with impr. and P#, O.G., fine (\$17.50), @ \$9.50. These marginal blocks, which should be collected in blocks of 10 to show the complete inscription, are scarcer than auction prices indicate and are a very desirable item for any collection. Eighty per cent of the blocks are badly centered. A 1c World War booklet pane of 30, #498f, @ \$8.50. This is another item generally overlooked.

The catalog price is not an index of scarcity. The 15c, #514, O.G. blk. of 4, V.F., @ \$7.60. 2¢ orange and black, #523, V.F., O.G. (\$27.50), @ \$16.50. 3c, #541, blk. of 4, O.G., fine (\$17.50), @ \$7.50. 2c, #595, fine, O.G. blk. of 4, @ \$19.25. This stamp lacking in most collections. 6c Air, #C1, C.L. blk. of 4, O.G., superb (\$15), @ \$9.00. 24c, #C3, used blk. of 4 (\$8), @ \$4.50. 24c, #C6, O.G. blk. of 4, V.F. (\$15), @ \$8.10. 2¢.20 Zepp., #C13, O.G., superb blk. of 4 (\$110), @ \$56.00. In the revenues, a \$500 #R180, V.F., (\$50), @ \$27.00; and the \$50, #R194, V.F., (\$100), @ \$54.00.

RUMARK CO. AUCTION SALE held May 24th at 116 Nassau St., N.Y.C. 15c, #91, fine, used, @ \$5.50. 15c, #141, fine, used, @ \$10.25. 15c, #163, with Supplemental Mail canc., fine, @ \$5.20. 90c, #166, V.F., used, @ \$5.10. 3c, #232, V.F., O.G. blk. of 4 (\$5.50), @ \$2.80. \$4 Columbian, #244, fine, used, @ \$21.50. \$5 Columbian, #245, regummed, fine, @ \$23.00. \$1, #276, cent., no gum (\$50), @ \$26.00. \$2, #277, V.F., used, @ \$15, @ \$7.70. \$1, #292, cent., V.F., used, @ \$14.50. 5c, #330, V.F., O.G. blk. of 4 (\$27.50), @ \$15.00. 2c, #384, O.G., V.F. blk. of 4 (\$7), @ \$4.20. 2c, #413, guide line coil pair, V.F., O.G. (\$3.50), @ \$2.50. Zepp., #C13-15, used on P.C., first round trip flight, V.F. (\$42.00 plus), @ \$22.00. A collection of Philippines sold quite well. The 20c, #E6, in a Pl. No. blk. of 4, superb, @ \$25.00; and a normal mini single of same, @ \$3.40.

• The Illustrated Buffalo Express of July, 1896 attributed Greece's issuance of a large Olympic Games series to the "fashion" set by the U. S. with its 1893 Columbian series.

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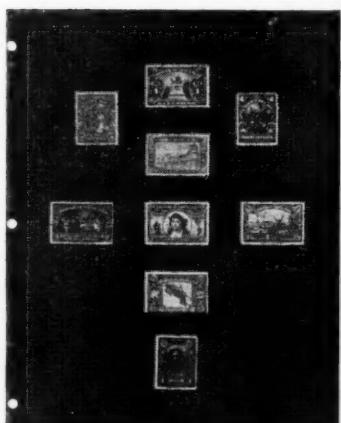
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The New Zealand war provisionals are the latest stamps of this type to reach the city. Even though New Zealand has export restrictions (purchases direct from the post office are unrestricted) about 5,000 sets were received. With the shipments notice has been received that 480,000 were printed. If this report is true the set may be a good set as it will be primarily used for postage.

L. W. Charlat, airmail specialist, reports that he has received word from San Jose, Costa Rica, that the high values on the Pan American Sports issue have been sold out. This was predicted by your correspondent in last week's column, as only 5,000 were issued of the high value airmail stamp.

The Dominican Republic not to be outdone by their neighbor came through with another high face value, limited edition set commemorating the Trujillo-Hull Treaty. However, it seems they made one slight mistake the set is a postage set and not an airmail set. They forgot that airmails have a greater popular appeal.

The Free French Stamps of Cameroun and French Equatorial Africa are being well sought after, because according to the people in the "know" there are a few values on which less than 1,000 copies were available for the overprint, and these were not the high values. I saw a copy of a cablegram sent by one wholesaler to an agent in Belgium Congo, telling him to pay up to 200 times face for these values, in securing complete sets. Scott's have helped these issues along by recognizing them in the May Monthly Journal.

Gimbels Stamp Department are featuring cancellations from the new U. S. Bases. They report that they did quite a business with them.

I was shown another nice find in booklet pane plate numbers this past week. Three 3c

Mint New Issues

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Bohemia:-1941 Red Cross with labels	32
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books, each containing 4 panes so badly off centered that each pane had from 85% to over 100% of the full number shown, without being a fold over. Since I mentioned this phase of collecting, a few members of the B.I.A. show me these things.

Conscription Commemoratives

On the occasion of the first enrollment of conscripts on June 1, 1941, of men under Manchukuo's April, 1939 Conscription law, the Department of Communication has prepared 4,000,000 sets of special stamps depicting a soldier. At top of the design is the inscription in native characters "In commemoration of conscription put into execution" and at bottom "June, 8th year of Kang Teh." Denominations are 2 fen and 4 fen. On the sheet margins adjoining ten stamps is printed the admonition "Avoid misdelivery in putting up every person's name sign on his gate (door)." The stamps are available through the officially constituted Manchukuo Postal Society c/o General Administration, Bureau of Posts, Hsinking, Manchukuo if orders are not less than 6 Yuan plus postal and packing charges.

Perforation Error Found

We have been shown by Fred Hawkins of Canton a block of the 3c Jefferson Presidential from lowed left pane of plate number 22038 with vertical perforations missing between stamps 72 and 73 in the pane. Five similar panes were found, but several had a few perforations showing between the two stamps. The perforations between the other stamps in the same row were defective, being poorly applied and much of it "blind" perforation. This variety of horizontal pair imperforate between is already catalogued, from a previous find.

Argentine Last Day Cover

March 31 was the last day on which many non-current Argentine stamps were valid for postage. The Postmaster General had issued a decree demonetizing certain stamps effective from that date. Included were the Louis Braille stamp, Pan American Union 1940, Fonopostal Series, Popular Housing and Postage Stamp Centenary sheet. A cachet reading "Last Day of Circulation" (in Spanish) was seen on covers and is now known to be of private origin.

● Collectors desiring to send the Western Reserve Historical Society the back numbers mentioned in our edition of May 24 can send these by simply addressing the Society's Library at Cleveland, Ohio.

● Venezuela thanks to the revenue obtained from its postal service was enabled to have in operation three normal schools during the period of the "Escuelas" stamps. Later politicians diverted the funds and the school system dwindled in importance.

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The Procedure Before Stamps Are Issued.

By CLARENCE W. BRAZER.

The historical data behind a postage stamp begins after the idea to approve an issue has been properly considered. The regular routine of artist's designs, or models, are prepared and then the procedure of vignette and letter engravers are required to complete the proposed Die.

Prints are occasionally taken from the die when partially completed, to show the engravers the amount of progress instituted by their efforts. When the whole design is engraved, then the Die Essays in various colors are printed on India paper in order to submit same to the proper authorities for approval.

Sometimes miniature or full-sized plates are made from which the plate essays in various colors are proffered for the final checking of approval. The authorities in charge may advise changes in the design, which when printed and finally approved for the issued stamp, are thereon termed "PROOFS".

These proofs may be in several Trial colors from which the color for the stamp is selected. When proofs of the design and color are finally found to be satisfactory, then the plates are made, and PLATE PROOFS printed on India paper for another checking before the plates are hardened and the general course of printing is inaugurated.

These unaccepted Essays, Trial Color Proofs, normal color Die Proofs, and Plate Proofs are sought for by collectors, and are greatly treasured as scarce historical items. They are printed with great care, and selected qualities of ink, so that the finest impressions make it possible to effect a beautiful relief of the stamp design. Few specialized collections may be regarded as completed without the historical essays and proofs which were indeed focal considerations on which the actual stamps issued, were based.

● The post office of Capitol, Maine will change its name July 1 to Capitol Island.

U. S. Airmail Stamps

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others hinted the delay was due to responsible officials being away from Washington. The stamp was issued at New York, consequently there was not as great a scarcity as might have been. The inaugural flight started on May 20. The 30c rate applied to any European point. This route has proven very profitable due to the war and the stamp remains in current use.

In 1934 it was decided to issue a stamp of distinctive design to prepay a commonly used rate on air mail, the combined special delivery and air rate, 16c. First printing was in blue and issued at the American Air Mail Society Convention at Chicago on August 30. Postal officials found that the stamp was not as readily recognized by clerks as was desired, so in 1936 it was issued bicolored on February 10 and remains a current issue, unaffected by the intended new issue. It might be recalled that the blue stamp of 1934 figured in the stamp scandals of 1934-35 and was issued on March 15, 1935 for a limited time in full sheets imperforate, our first imperforate air stamp. For a period of months the stamp in ordinary singles and blocks was a glut on the market due to many sheets being cut and position blocks removed, with resultant quantities of waste being hard to absorb.

While there has been a repeated hint that higher value air mail stamps such as \$1, \$5, \$10 and even \$20 could be used by certain heavy mailers, there is nothing to indicate these will appear. In comparison to other countries, the air mail issues of the U. S. are remarkable for their freedom from speculative issues, and manipulated ones. Every stamp was available without limit for not less than a matter of weeks. Aside from their face value, even the Zeppelin issues are free of criticism. Moreover U. S. air mails have been limited to denominations actually necessary and were prepared for air mail services actually in operation, and not merely of experimental nature, as has been typical of many a foreign issue. May this continue to be true of our issues.

"Pony Express" Cachet

To commemorate the Pony Express Race from Oswego, Oregon to Timberline Lodge, Oregon, a distance of 72 miles, on June 29th a special cachet will be sponsored by the civic organizations sponsoring the event. Timberline Lodge is situated on the south side of scenic Mt. Hood in the rugged Cascades. Permission has been asked of the U. S. Post Office Department for post offices to cancel covers at both terminals of the race upon departure and arrival times. Seven riders will make up a team. Many riding clubs and sheriff's posses will have entries some of them from out of state points. Collectors wishing one or more covers carried on this novel race may send envelopes, stamped and addressed, to the Cachet Director: Myron F. McCamley, 2135 North Alberta St., Portland, Oregon. Covers sent in should have ample room on the left side for its application and to be of standard 6 1/4 size on white bond or wove stock. Deadline is June 26th.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
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DEFENSE STATUS.

Just what the status of the Defense issue is and to what extent it will be continued is still very much an unsettled issue as far as I am concerned and many collectors that I know. When issued they were to supplant the regular issue temporarily and then to be used in conjunction with the regular issue which seemed to be exactly what was happening. Suddenly the Defense issue began disappearing from the smaller offices with the P.M.s telling the tales that they must make special requisition for them if they wanted them. A lot of offices were entirely out of all values some had only one and a few two but practically none all of them. Now the very latest news is that recent shipments to the larger offices have included some more Defense values. Another thing not to overlook is the fact that the large part of the new NARROW TYPE bureaus are on the Presidential Issue. The Defense issue seems to be almost as bad as Flanigan.

Editor's Note: At first the Defense stamps were given preference to the current Presidents in shipments, but since no additional Presidential plates of the 1c, 2c and 3c have been sent to press, it must be assumed the recent shipments of Presidents in lieu of Defense was to get rid of stock on hand last October. Only the 1c, 2c, and 3c Defense are being currently printed, and not long ago additional plates were made and sent to press. A rapid change in the three common denominations cannot be effected as a large stock of these stamps is always kept on hand

VOL. 1 NO. 1

We have at hand this week two new stamp magazines each starting out with the well known Vol. 1 No. 1. One is quite heralded and ballyhooed and would lead one to think that the publisher knew all the answers. The other is more modest but very finely printed. The modest issue contains a very nice PRE-CANCEL article in its very first issue but the one with the ballyhoo can't find any space for the Precancel collector; yet I am sure the editor knows the strength and number of the fraternity. We cast our vote with the modest little sheet.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

One of the interesting things about the issuance of a catalog is to get the collector's personal opinions. Get them when no one of consequence is around. It is then that you learn the manner in which the bear eat the cabbage etc. There never will be a catalog issued, leastwise a precancel catalog, that will satisfy all of the collectors all of the time. A lot of nice things have been printed about both the Coil and Double line catalog; the adverse items will trickle in from now on. One of the chief squawks we hear about the Coil catalog is the Chicago Dated items being priced at from 20c up to \$4. The four dollar item being an old 1916 5c coil in the Chicago Mail Order integral for Dec. '38.

Most of the items are priced around 50c and downward. Perhaps this is somewhat steep; but do you have envelopes full of them? Some of the other prices in the coil catalog are high also but not out of proportion to the scarcity of the stamp; only to the demand. Like the Coil catalog I have heard it said that the Double Line prices are too high, yet I have had collectors mention to me that they would give double catalog for certain items they need. So those items must be too low. How men ever get up enough nerve to publish a catalog knowing full well what to expect in the aftermath is beyond me. What is your pet peeve about these two new catalogs? Constructive criticism is always appreciated by the publishers or so they say.

NO NEWS.

I have often heard it said "That no news is good news." Well that must be the case now. Collectors must really be busy as I never have seen news scarcer than it is right now. I am again tempted to go out and bite a dog, I am convinced though that it is not entirely in the Precancel game but throughout the entire philatelic field. We can expect it to be so 'till civilization has settled back down to normal from this latest periodic spasm.

NOTES.

Work is going forward on the next Bureau catalog. Do you have any definite information about certain Bureau items in your locality. Whether such and such an item is still in use or gone from the office, etc? Let me know and I will see that the publisher gets the information. Help make the best catalog better.—Several auction lists, J. L. Jones of Greer, S. C. and W. H. Perry of Wichita Falls, Tex. both will be over when you read this but many an item you are looking for is often tucked away in some auction and a reasonable bid might bring it to you.—The 1 1/2c. Presidential coil from Chicago is supposed to be out of the office, yet I received one the other day on mail. We believe that the announcement that only the sheet stamps will be the NARROW type relieves the tension on this and other laggard coil items.

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